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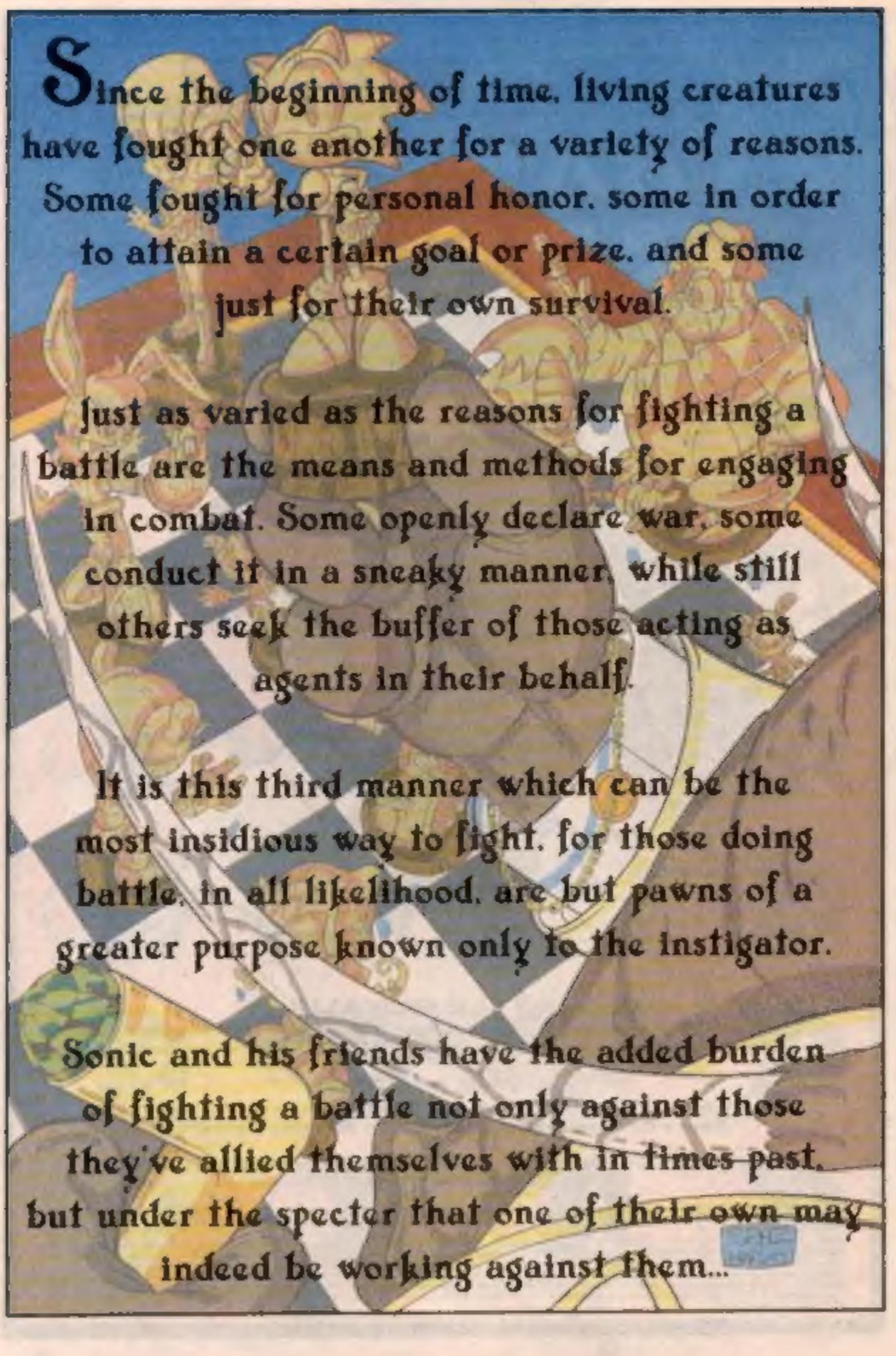
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Since the beginning of time, living creatures have sought one another for a variety of reasons. Some sought for personal honor, some in order to attain a certain goal or prize, and some just for their own survival.

Just as varied as the reasons for fighting a battle are the means and methods for engaging in combat. Some openly declare war, some conduct it in a sneaky manner, while still others seek the buffer of those acting as agents in their behalf.

It is this third manner which can be the most insidious way to fight, for those doing battle, in all likelihood, are but pawns of a greater purpose known only to the instigator.

Sonic and his friends have the added burden of fighting a battle not only against those they've allied themselves with in times past, but under the specter that one of their own may indeed be working against them...

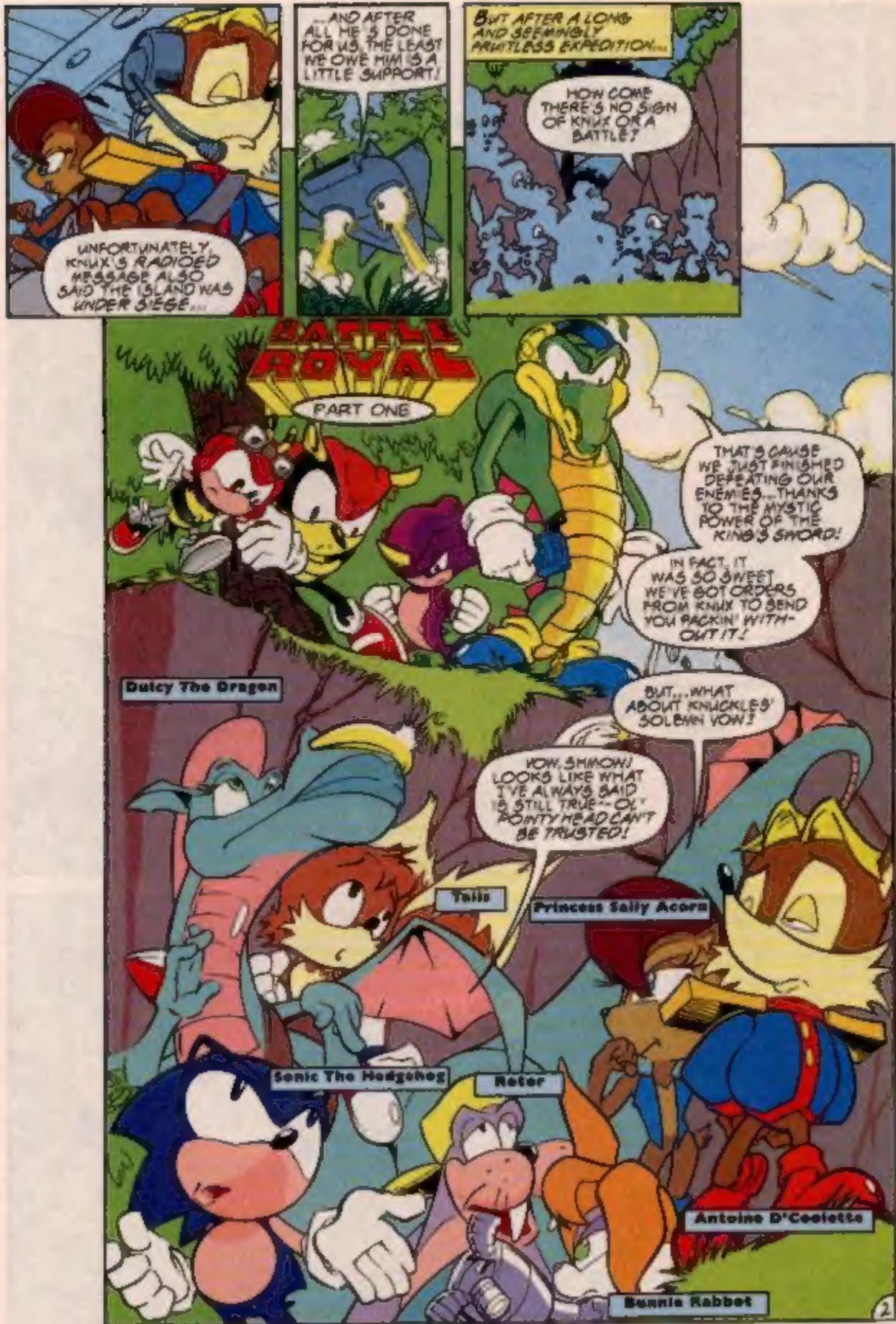
EVER AN AWESOME SIGHT TO BEHOLD, THE GRAND SPECTACLE THAT IS THE FLOATING ISLAND ALWAYS SPARKS AWE, EVEN IN MINDS HEAVY WITH DOUBTS OF FUTURE EXISTENCE...

STILL, TODAY'S JOURNEY, FILLED WITH PROMISE OF NEW PROSPERITY FOR THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS, IS NEVERTHELESS LANDED WITH ANXIETY AS IT WAS INITIATED BY A DISTRESS CALL...

MMM... I WONDER...
WELL WE HAVE ZEE TRIUMPH
OR ZEE DOOM WHEN WE
ONCE AGAIN VISIT KNUCKLES'
HOME?

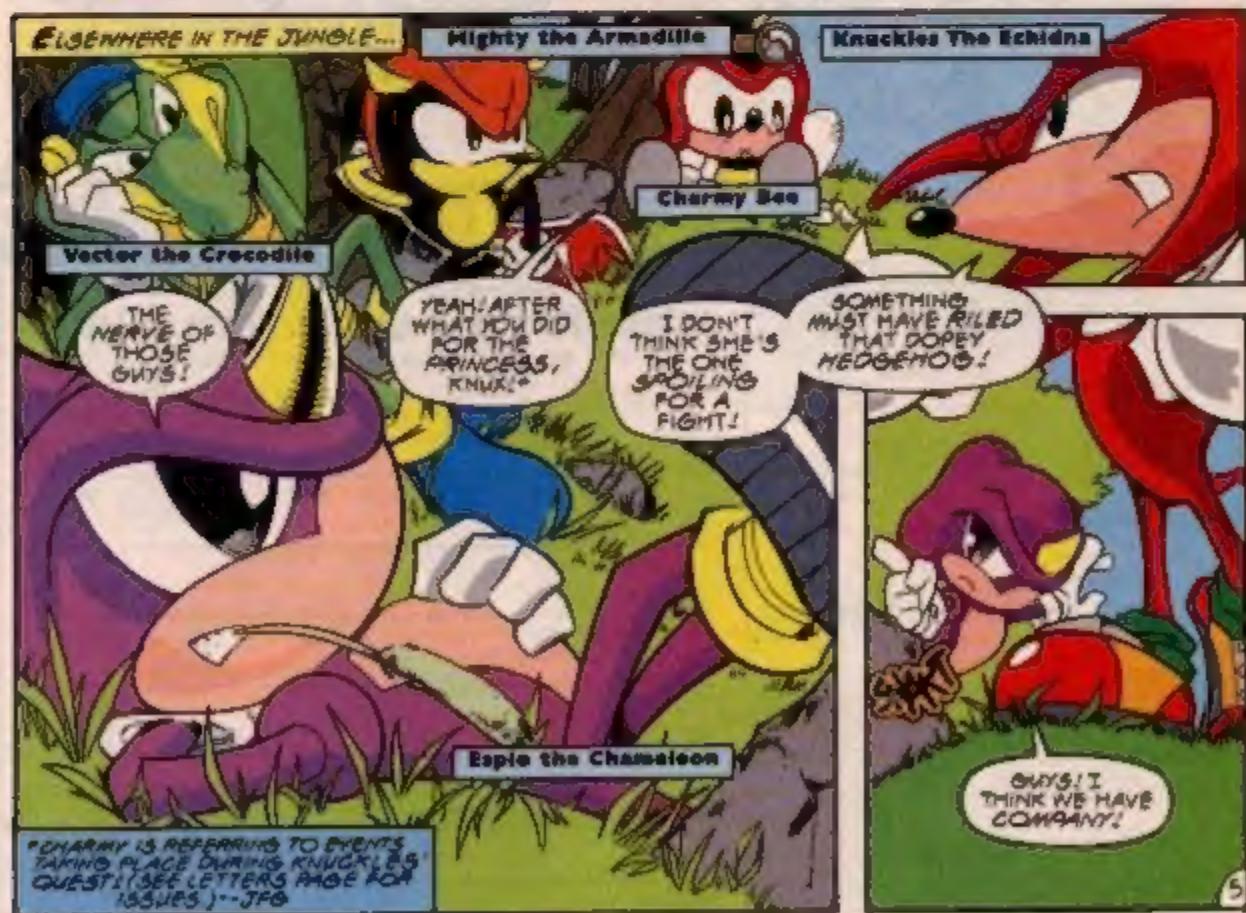
C'MON, ANTHONE! IT
CERTAINLY SOUNDED LIKE
GOOD NEWS WHEN ROTOR
ARRIVED AT OUR CAMPFIRE
POW WOOW! TO TELL US KNUX
WAS SUCCESSFUL IN HIS
QUEST!

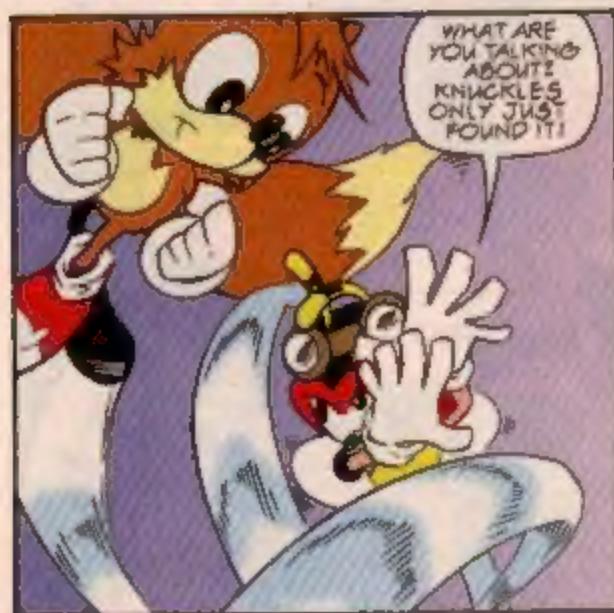
* THE "POW WOOW" AND RETRIEVAL
OF KING ACORN'S SWORD
HAPPENED IN SONIC #46 - J-MOT



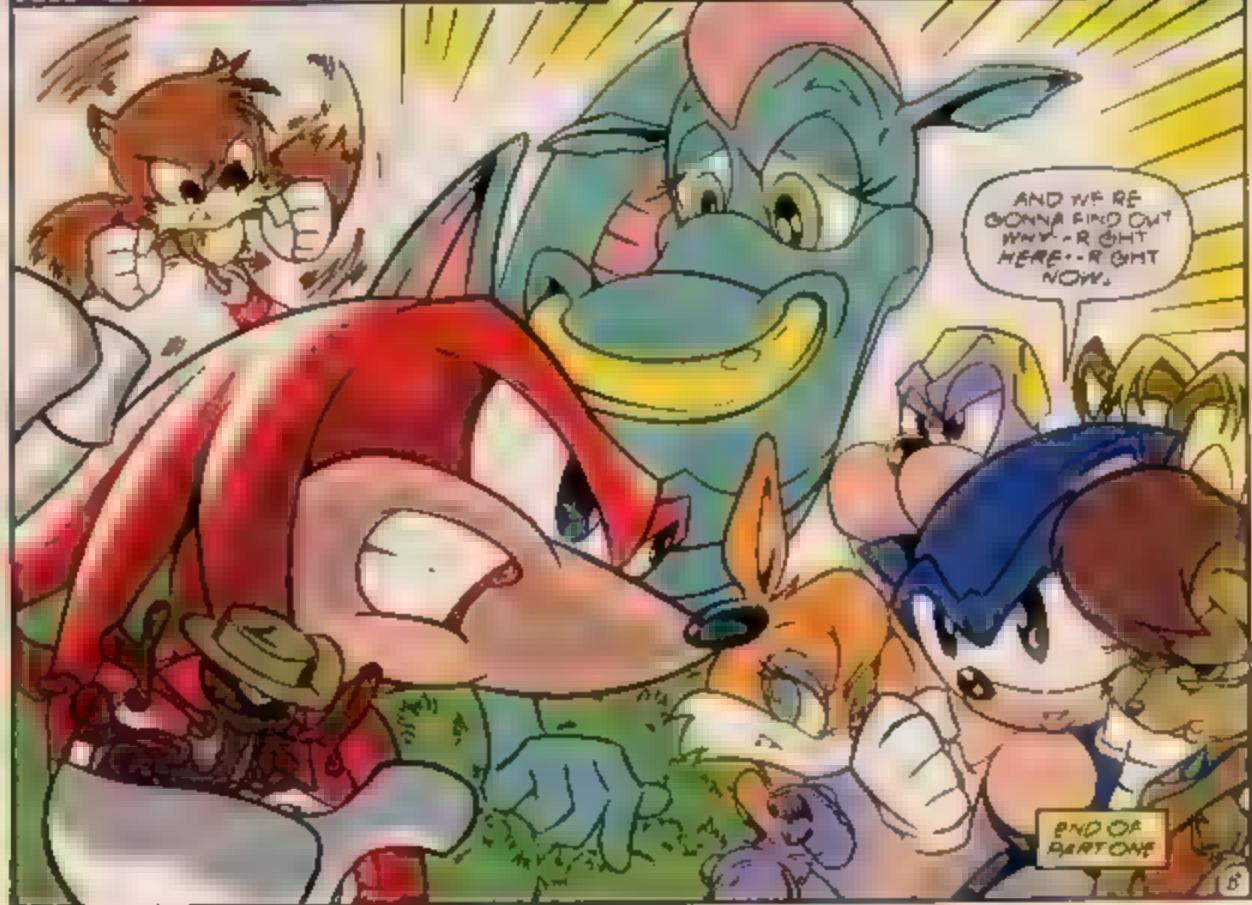












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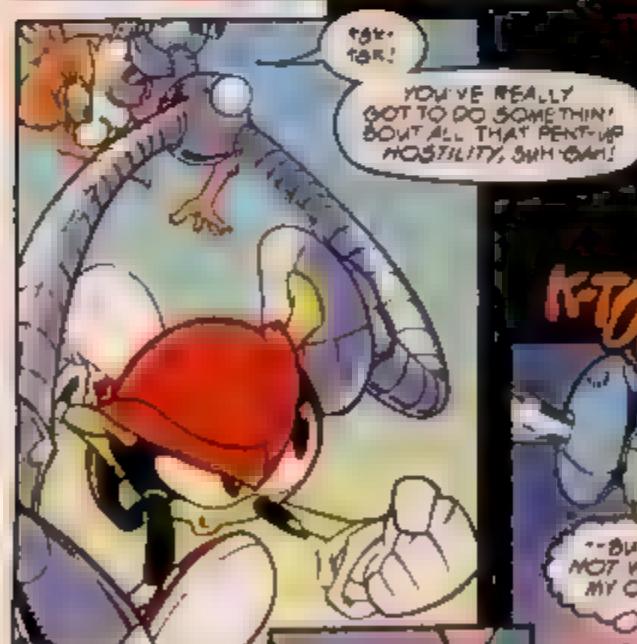
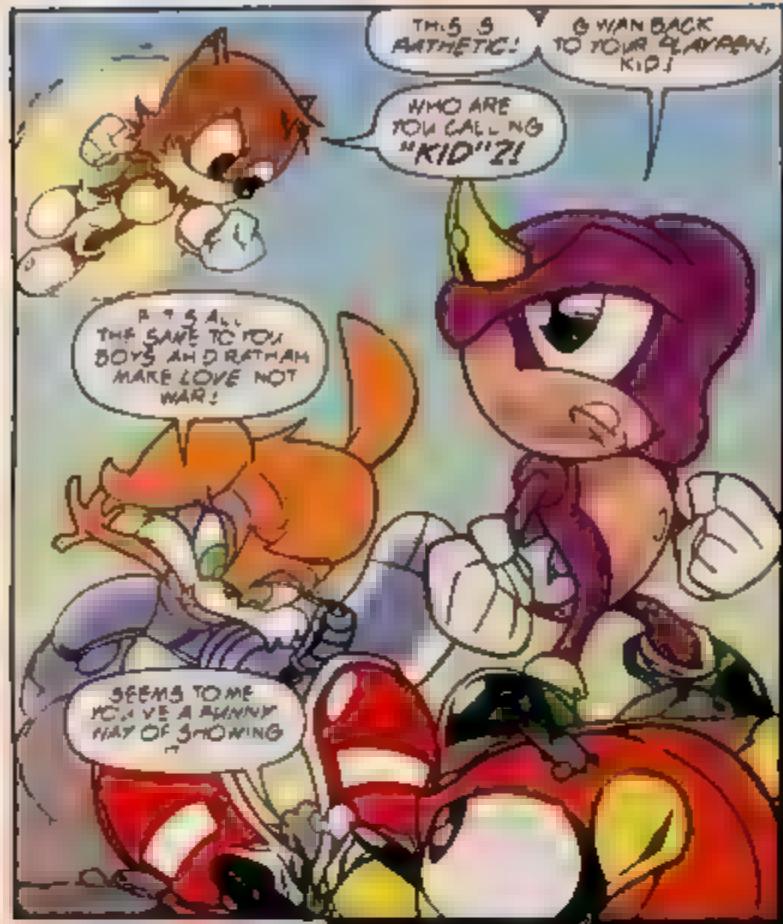
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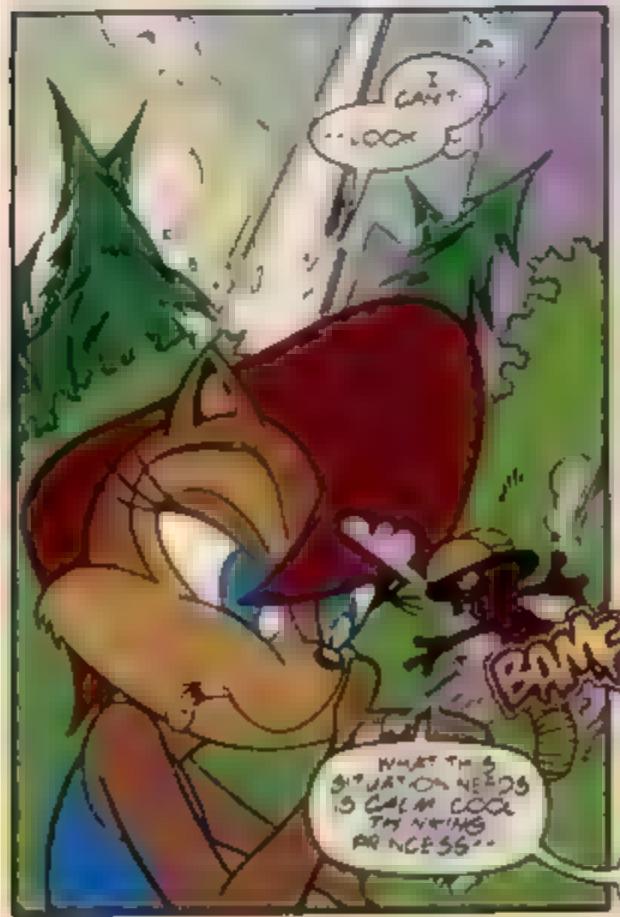
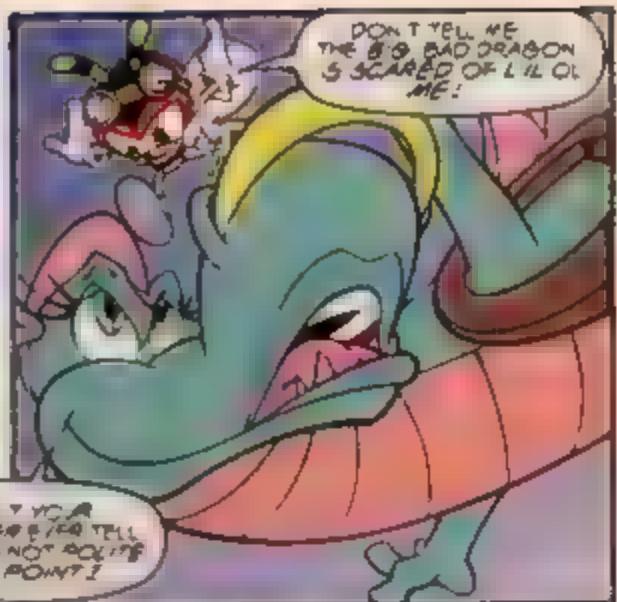
THIS IS YOUR
FUNKS.

YOU CAN'T KEE
15 FREEDOM FIGHTERS
AROUND AND GET AWAY
WITH IT

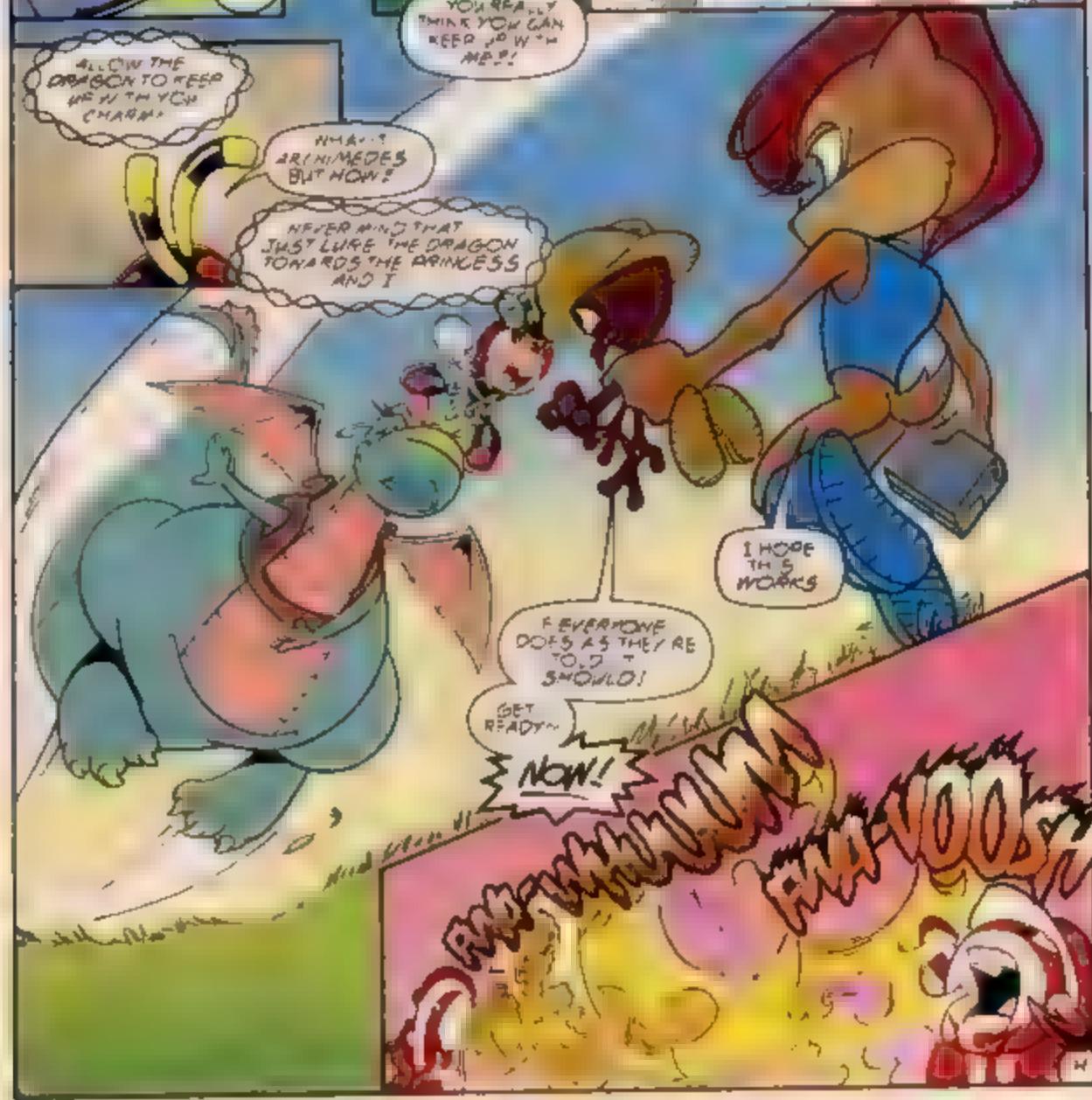
YO BOY YOU
BE THE ONE WHO
BESSED IS
FIRST.





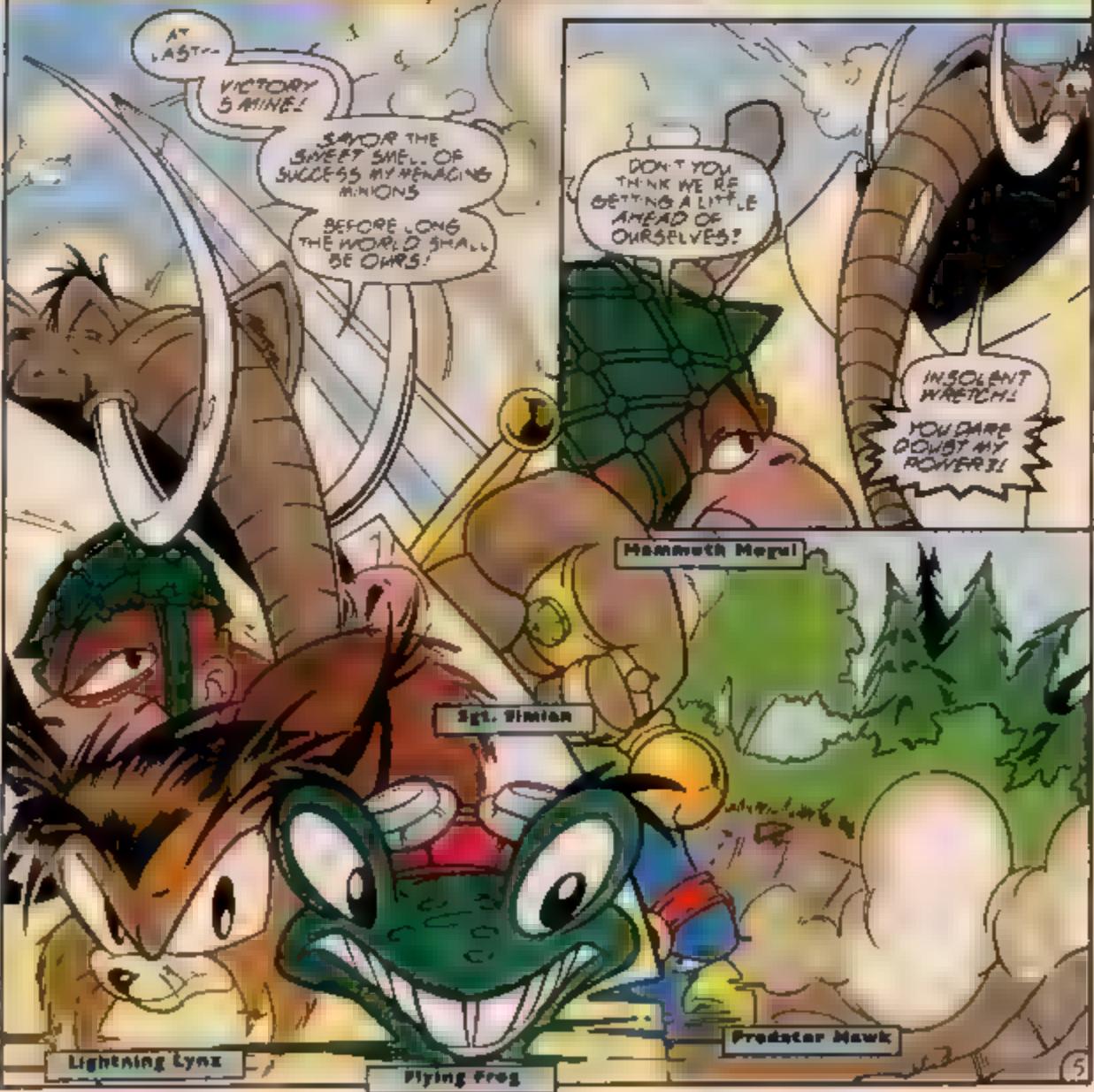


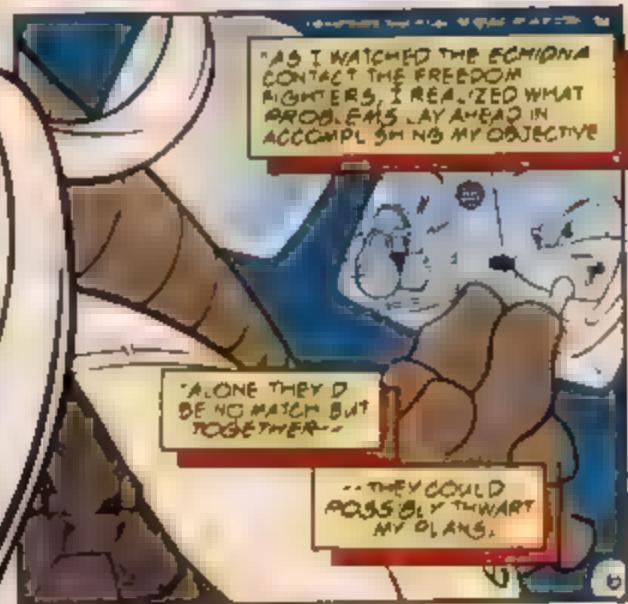
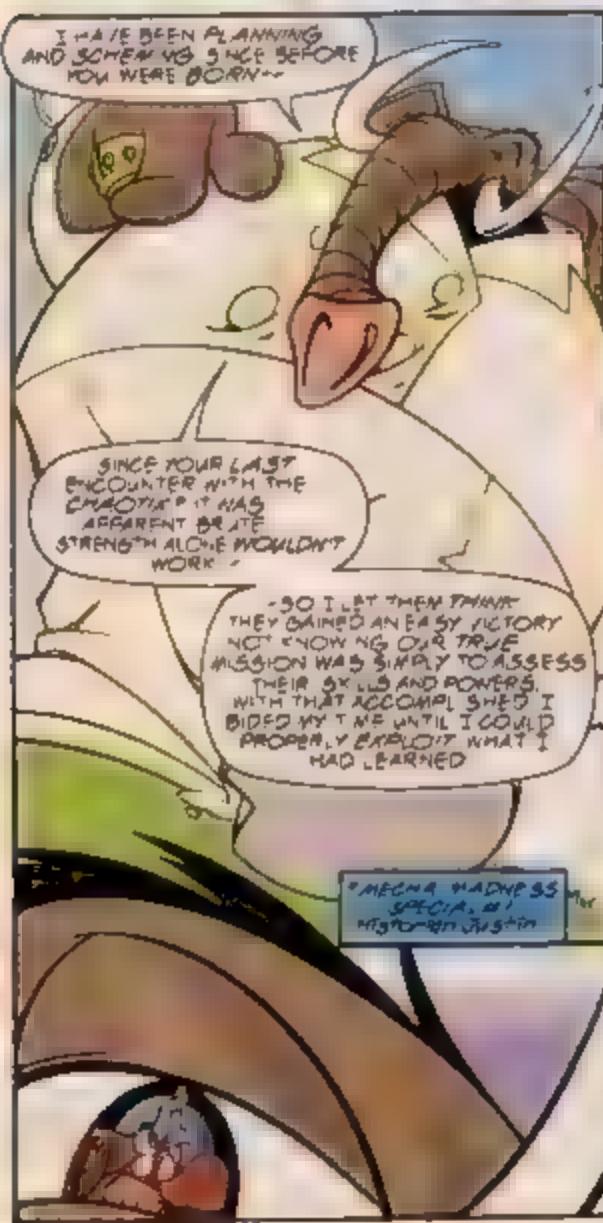




AWATOOMTOOM

BA-DHUVVUM





THAT'S WHY I SEE THE MOMENT
MAKING USE OF MY JESTS ON
ABILITIES TO ALTER THE REALITIES
OF MY ANTHROPOID PUPPIES

"WHAT HE THOUGHT THE WALRUS
OR ECHODNA REALIZED WAS
THAT THEY WERE WATCHING
IMAGES GENERATED THROUGH
MY THOUGHT WAVES

I CONTROL
THE HORIZONTAL--
I CONTROL THE
VERTICAL--

AND THE ISLANDS
UNDER SIEGE AGAIN SO
FOR NOW WE'RE KEEPING
THE SWORD

AND YOU'VE TAKEN
TOO LONG TO RETURN
THE SWORD - WE'RE
COMING FOR TAN
AND YOU!

WHAT ARE
YOU JABBERING
ABOUT?

NO D'EST
WE DECIDED
TO HELP

THERE WAS STILL DANGER THAT COOLER
HEADS WOULD DARE A SO I CREATED THE
ILLUSION OF THE FEARSOME FOURSOME
AS MEMBERS OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS
AND THE CHAOTIX IN ORDER TO FAN THE
FLAMES OF A STRUGGLE BETWEEN THE
OPPOSING SIDES

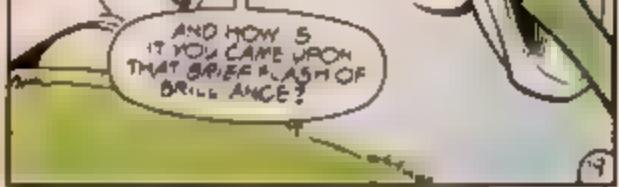
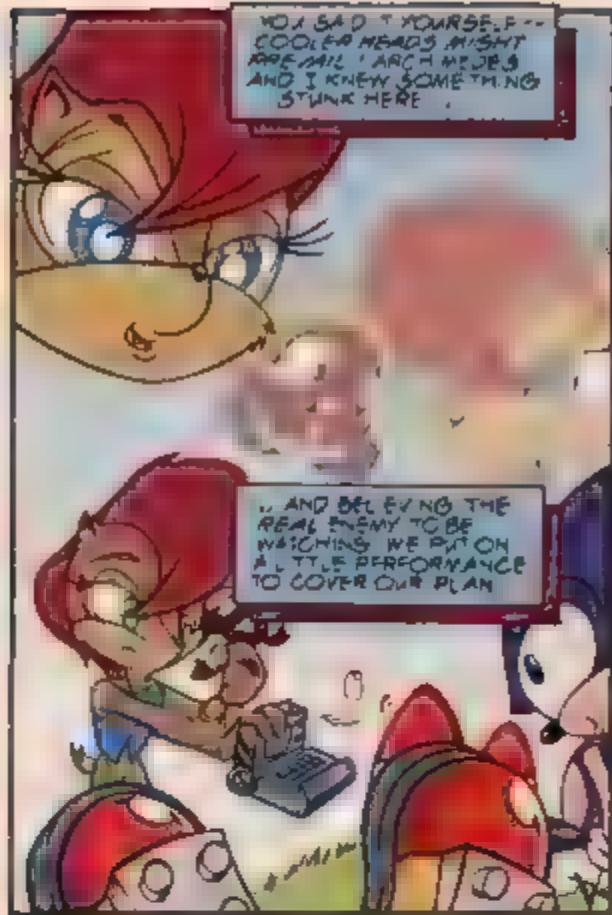
A OWNERS
TO WATCH FROM THE
SIDELINES WHILE
THEY BATTLED AMONGST
THEMSELVES!

VED THAT
WAS QUITE
THE PLAN,
MAN

THAT
VOICE--

HAVING BAFFED THE HEDGENESS AND
FRIENDS WE THEN MADE THE CHAOTIX
BELIEVE THE WORST CONCERNING THE
FREEDOM FIGHTERS--





CAUSE YOU DIDN'T DO YOUR
HOMEWORK MIGHTY SAD THAT
THE POWERS OF THE NEARBY
ARCHIMEDES HELPED HIM TO
ESCAPE!"

AND YOU MAY HAVE DIS-
GUISED YOUR SOLDIERS
BUT YOU DIDN'T DISGUISE
THEIR POWERS..."

"BUT THE CHAOTIX KNOW THAT
ARCHY HAS TO TOUCH YOU TO
DO HIS VANISHING ROUTINE!"

"EVERYONE
KNOWS AH ONLY
HAVE SUPER
STRENGTH IN
AH LEFT ARM!"

"CHECK OUT PAGE 4,
PANELS 5 & 7 AND 5
MINI-GAMES 9 & 3!"

"CHECK OUT
PAGE 6,
PANELS 3

"AND WHILE YOUR GUY WAS
O.K. HE WAS NOWHERE
NEAR THE SPEED OF THE
BLUE DOOFBALL!"

"AND HOW COME ONLY
FOUR OF SIX CHAOTIX
ATTACKED US?"

"PAGE 6,
PANEL 6

"AND HOW COME
SEVEN FFS LANDED
BUT ONLY FOUR
ATTACKED US?"

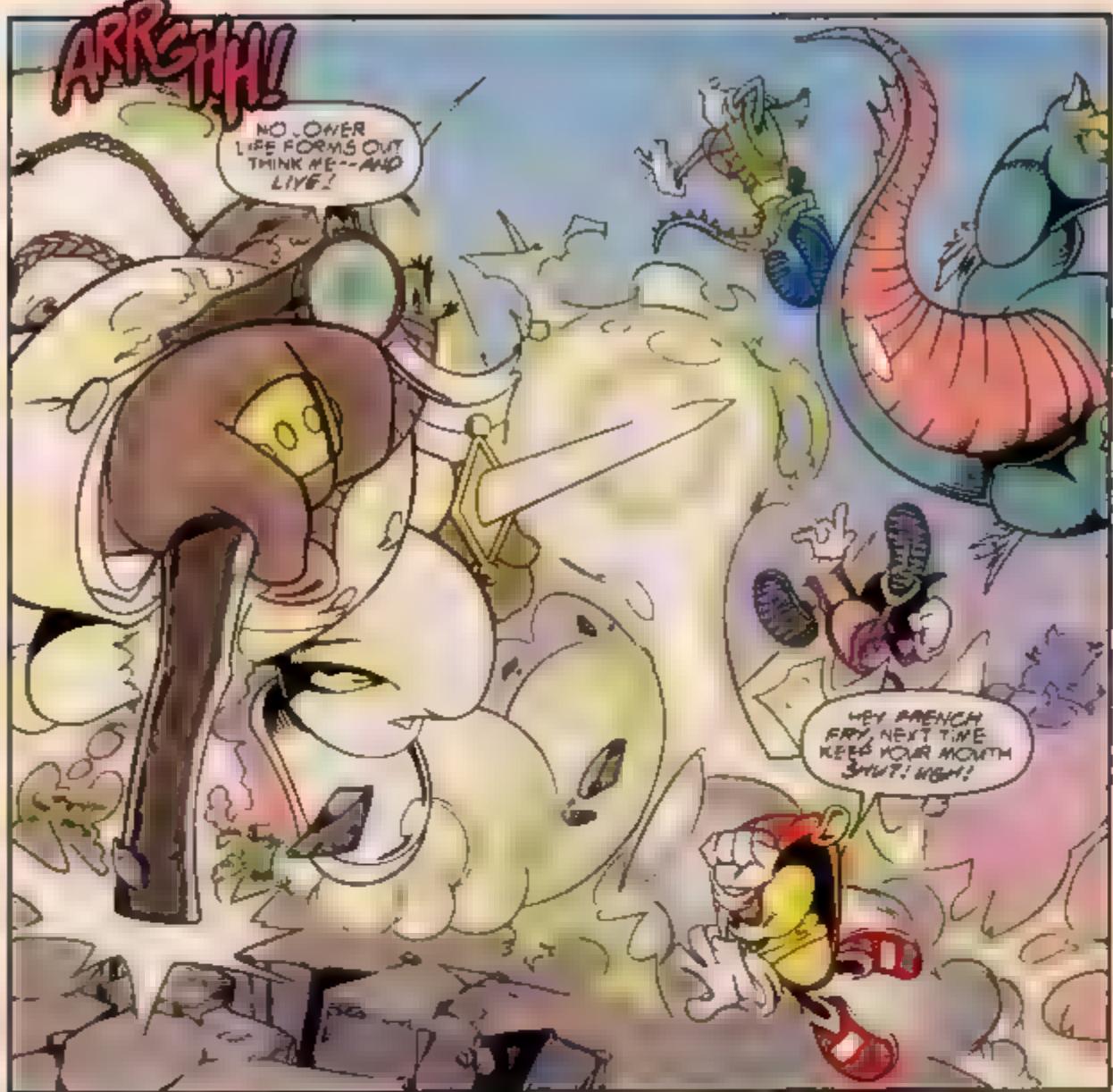
"ALSO NO WAY
MIGHT WOULD HAVE
ATTACKED ME IN TH-
OUT TALKING FIRST
OR AT LEAST
SAVING 'HI!'"

"ZO B & JAMBO
YOU ARE NOT ONLY
ZEE B'S PERSON
BUT ALSO ZEE BIG
FOOL!"

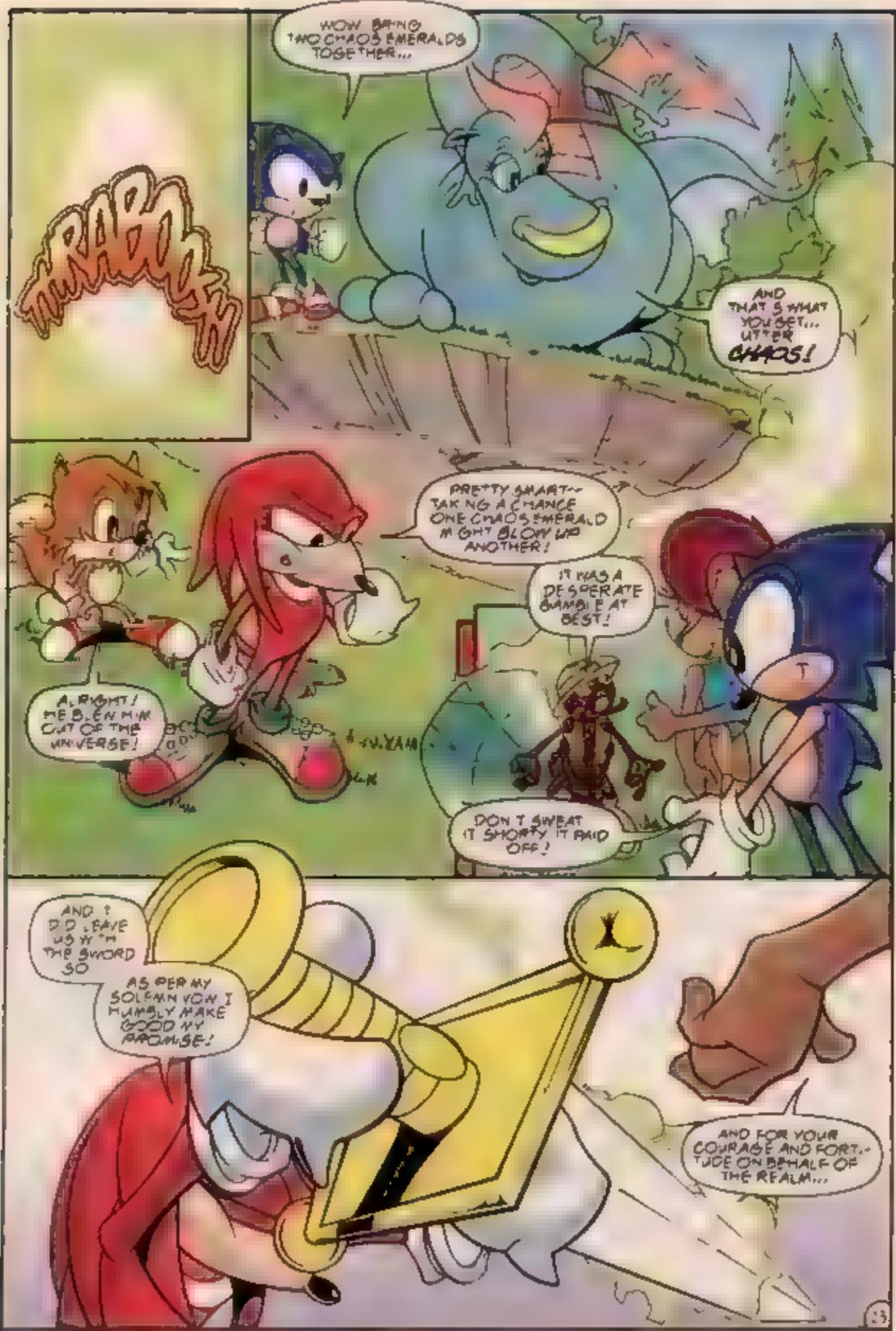
"Y SEE TALK
DARK AND HAIRY
WE'RE OLD PALS!"

"NOW THAT YOUR
SCHEME IS KADOUT
HAND OVER ZEE
SWORD AND YOU
WON'T BE HURT!"

"WHEN & WHERE DID THIS
HAPPEN? CHECK OUT FUTURE
ISSUES OF SONIC FOR THE STORY!"







I HEARBY DULY
MIGHT YOU: YOU ARE
THIS ISLAND'S GUARDIAN,
BUT WHEN NANOTHOLE,
YOU ARE NOW AND FOREVER
MORE... SIR THUNKLE!

chip the boar!

ALAS, DURING TIMES OF WAR,
SMALL VICTORIES CAN ONLY
GIVE SMALL CELEBRATIONS;
GIVING WAY TO DIRE ISSUES
AT HAND...

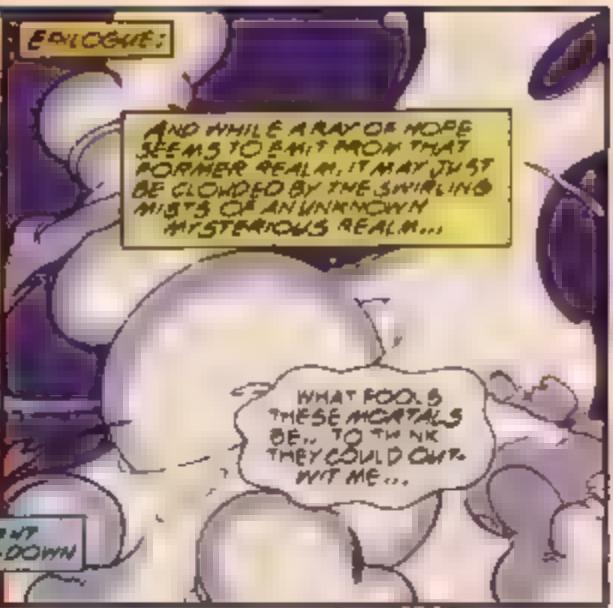
EAGER TO COMPLETE THEIR
FINAL GOAL, THE FREEDOM
FIGHTERS RACE HOME TO
SAVE THEIR KING...

...NEVER SUSPECTING THAT
WHAT AWAITS THEM IN
THEIR SECRET SANCTUARY!

PICTOR CONTACT UNCLE
CHUCK! WITH HIS HELP,
I'M SURE WE CAN FINALLY
RETRIEVE THE CROWN OF
ACCORDS! I'LL BEGIN MY RE-
SEARCH IN MY HUT WITH
NICOLE.

PRINCESS
SALLY...

COME
QUICK,
EH LO!



KING ACORN RESTORED TO HEALTH!! LOOKS LIKE IT'S COUNTDOWN TO ROBOTIN'S DESTRUCTION OR IS IT? THE ANSWER IS ENDGAME IN SONIC 30 SEE LETTERS PAGE FOR DETAILS AND WHAT OF KARMOA'S FATE!! NEED READING SONIC & ERHICLES TO FIND OUT!!

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In four weeks, get set for the premiere of **KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA** #4, the ongoing series, starting a new chapter in the life of everyone's favorite Guardian of the Floating Island. In a three-part epic, "LOST PARADISE" reunites Knuckles with the one

person he never, ever expected to see. But an even bigger problem occurs when the fabled city of Echidnaopolis reappears, posing a threat to the Floating Island's eco-system. Don't miss the echidna excitement with regulars Ken Penders, Manny Galan and Andrew Pepoy. In the tradition of the first three issues, every three-part story-arc will sport triple-combo covers by fan-fave Pal

'Spaz'ante along with inks by Ken Penders and colors by those maniacs at Heroic Age! Also look for a contest announcement in his letters page to commemorate his new ongoing series.

In other Mobius news, in one week "End Game"



continues. The stakes between Robotnik and the Freedom Fighters reaches a fever-pitch. The now-healthy King Acorn loses his daughter in an attack on Robotropolis, and Sonic is arrested as the culprit responsible. Sonic escapes to clear his name. The King orders none other than Geoffrey St. John to track him down. That's when things get nasty. Read "Escape to the Floating Island" in **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG** #49, on sale May 1997! Whatever you do, don't miss this one!

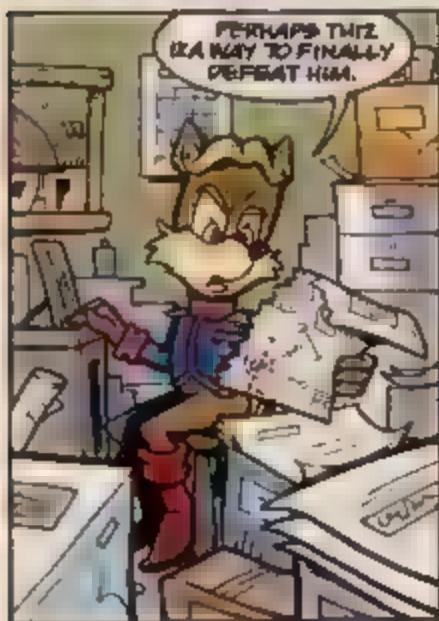
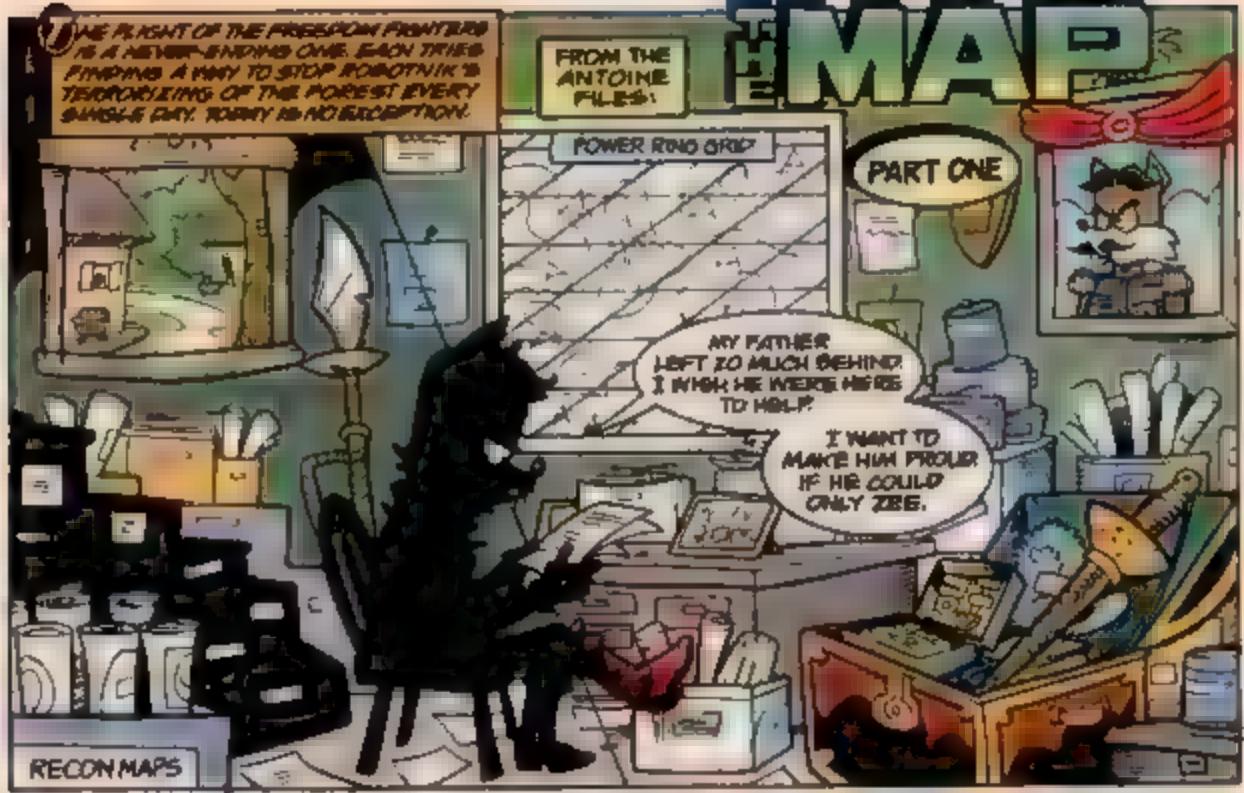
Look out for the next Sonic Special coming your way in four months time **SONIC SPECIAL '97: A BRAVE NEW WORLD** #1! 'Nuff said!

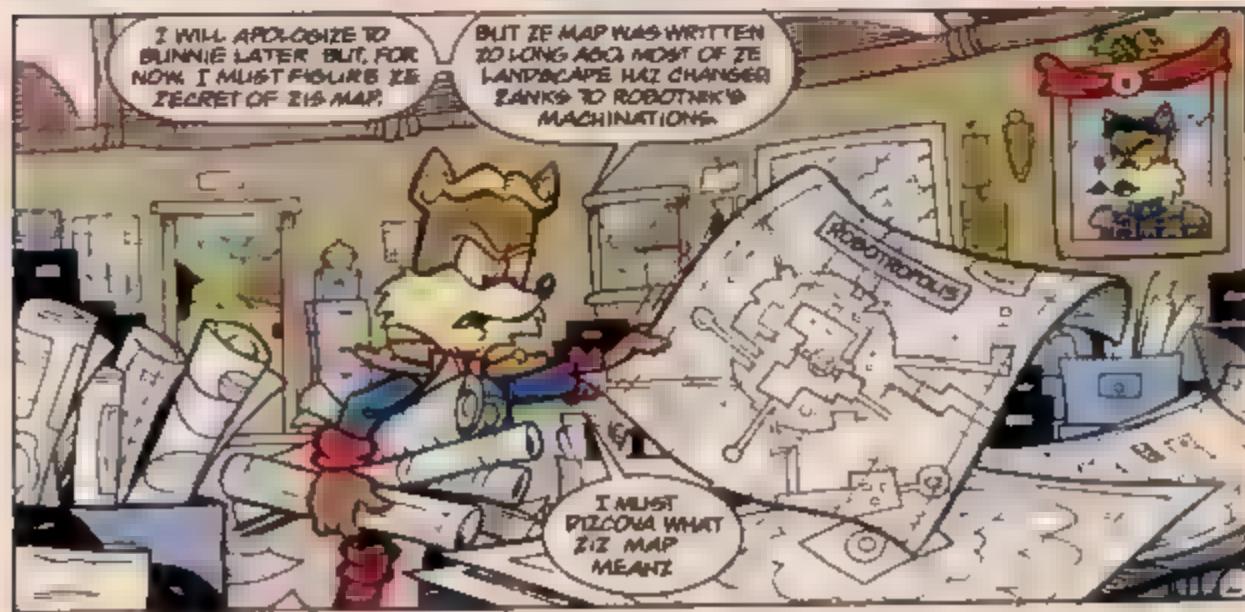
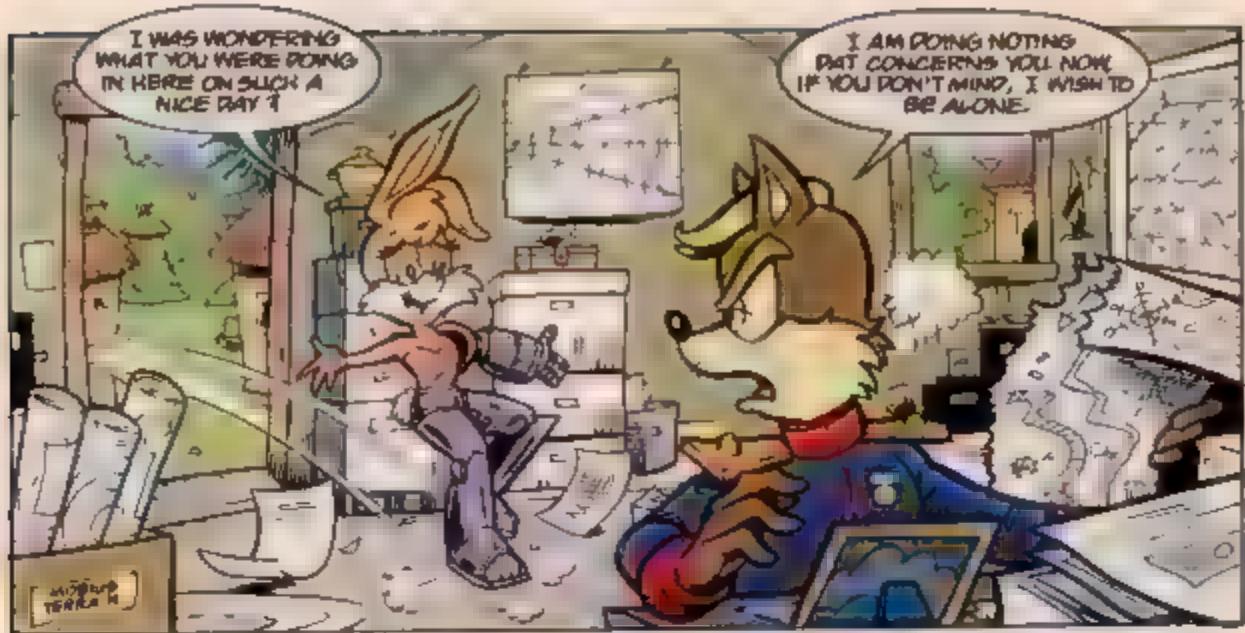


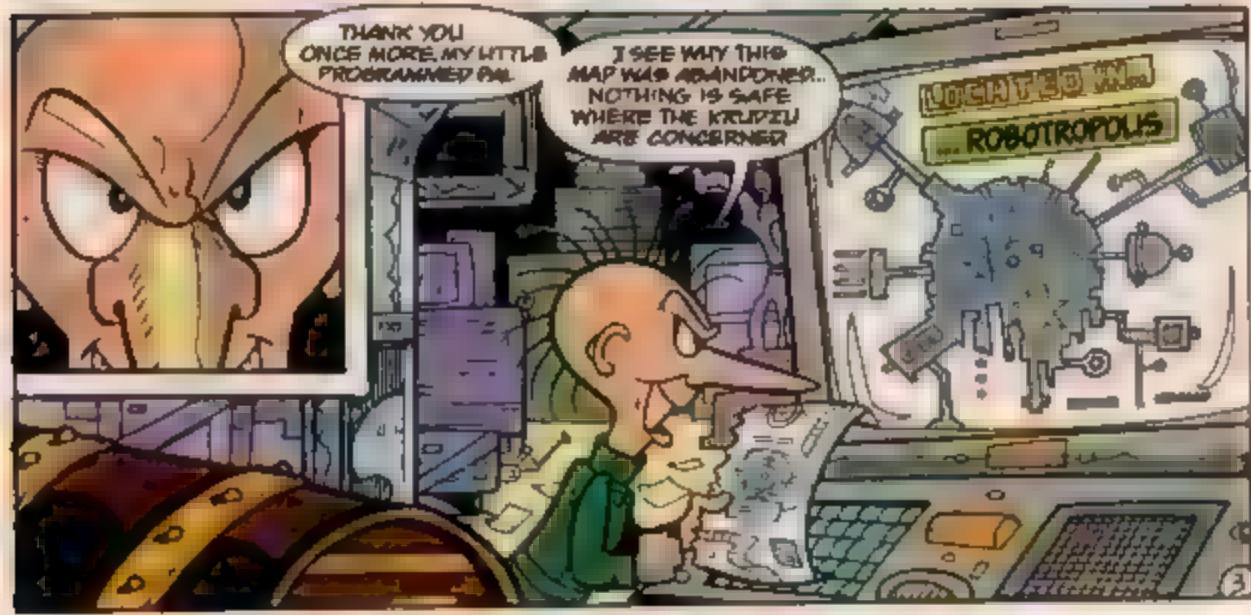
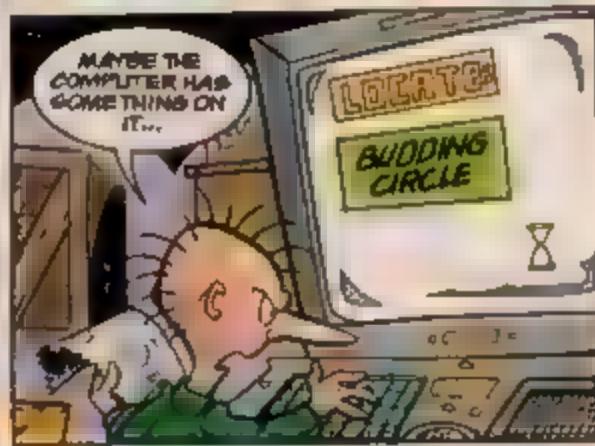
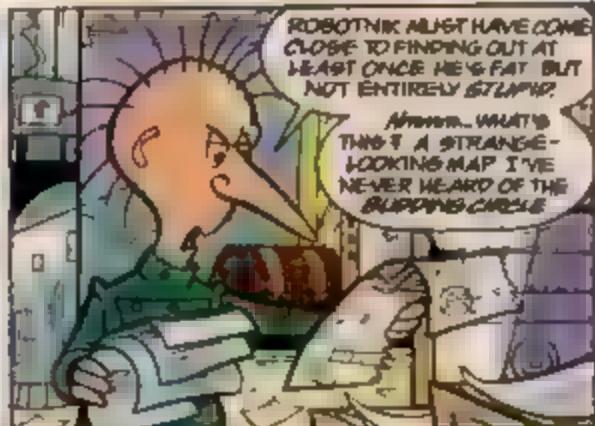
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P.S. Attention! Attention! Mike Wallis' name was spelled incorrectly in the "SONIC BLAST" Special #1 credits page. Sorry, Mike

THE MAP







BACK IN KNOTHOLE

BOTH MAPS HAVE ONE COMPLETE ZIPE, THE X ON THE COMPLETE ZIPE IS AT A PLACE CALLED BUDDING CIRCLE.

BUDDING CIRCLE WAS A ZICTION IN MOBOTROPOLIS. ROBOTNIK DESTROYED IT WIT HIS WRETCHED KRUDZIL CROAG. METALLIC PLANTS THAT GROW FROM ZEEPS.

I RECENTLY DISCOVERED BY THE BOYS THAT BACK IN SONIC'S L A FREE-APARTMENT NEVER HOPED TO GET.

IN ADDITION SONIC #3 - JET 0.

ZE GROUND AT BUDDING CIRCLE COULD NOT TAKE THE STRAIN AND COLLAPSED THEM DOWN INTO ZE EARTH.

AFTER DAT ROBOTNIK TRIED USING DEM IN ZE GREAT FOREST, UNTIL HE DISCOVERED THEIR ONLY WEAKNESS - WATER. SINCE SINCE KRUDZIL WERE NEVER SEEN AGAIN.

MAHBE DE FAT MAN IS HIDING DOZ HORRID PLANTS PARIS? OR DE MAP TO FIND WHERE HE PUT DE REST OF DE ZEEPS? OR MAYBE DE MAP LEADE TO DE MOST POWERFUL OF POWER RINGS?

NONE DE LESS, I HAVE COORDINATES DAT WILL PUT ME NEAR ONE MILE OF WHERE BUDDING CIRCLE USED TO BE. I'M SURE DE OLD WELL IS NOT DARE, BUT I MUST TRY.

WHAT PROBLEMS COULD I HAVE? ZE SOUTH SIDE OF ROBOTROPOLIS IS A STINKY SEWER. NO ONE IN DAIRY MIND WOULD GO DARE.

TUNNEL 3D LEADS STRAIGHT TO ZAT PART OF ZE CITER.

I MUST TELL SOMEONE, NO I CAN NOT TO TELL PRINCEZZ ZALLY OR ANYONE ELSE. WOULD MEAN GIVING AN INCOMPLETE REPORT, AND AS MY FATHER TOLD ME ONCE, A REPORT IS WORT NOTING IF EET IS INCOMPLETE.

I SHALL DO DIS ON MY OWN.

